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STEADY GROWTH FOR PITTSBURG COLLEGE UNDER BRANDENBURG

A remarkable growth has been marked up to the credit of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg since President W. A. Brandenburg took over the reins of the school government in 1913.

When the new president resigned the superintendency of the Oklahoma City schools to accept the position here, the local school boasted only two buildings—an administration building and an unequipped industrial arts building. Since that time, under President Brandenburg's leadership, it has developed into a college with fourteen modern buildings set on a 55-acre campus and offering courses in eighteen departments. There are 135 faculty members.

Since the first thirteen bachelor's degrees were granted here in the same year that Dr. Brandenburg came, the total has mounted to 3,991. Since 1929, when the first master's degrees were made available here, there have been 397 degrees issued in that classification.

Three New Departments.

While the number of departments has increased only from fifteen to eighteen since 1913, the number of departments is far from indicative of the school's growth. The number of teachers, however, is a true indication and there were only 37 instructors in 1913, nearly 100 less than the number today.

In 1913, the department heads and their subjects were as follows: Prof. D. M. Bowen, education; Prof. O. P. Dellinger, biology; Prof. Eulalia Roseberry, geography; Prof. G. W. Trout, history; Prof. A. M. Bumann, industrial arts; Prof. Edith Luedeking, domestic art; Prof. Elizabeth Fulton, domestic science; Prof. J. A. Yates, physical science; Prof. E. A. Shepardson, mathematics; Prof. H. W. John, commerce; Prof. Lyle Brower, drawing and design; Prof. J. W. Fuhrer, physical education; Prof. E. M. Wollank, languages; Prof. E. Guy Hoover, music; Prof. Ermine Owen, English.

At that time, the library was not counted as a department of in-

struction. Then, as now, it was headed by Miss Odella Nation. Courses in library sciences have been added since that time.

Students Used.

In 1913, domestic art and domestic science were separate departments. Now, they are combined in the home economics department. The three largest departments at that time were those of education which consisted mainly of a training school, industrial arts and drawing and design.

Student assistants were used a great deal at that time. Some of the names appearing on the rolls in that capacity then were those of Margaret Coventry, Helen Allison, Alice McLean, Anna Marriott, Alma Stackhouse, A. B. Steele, J. Ralph Wells, Maurice Deyoe, Vance Randolph, Helen Roberts and Bernice Swain.

The master's degrees now are offered in five departments—biology, chemistry, English, history and mathematics. Graduate courses are taught in psychology and philosophy, home economics and music.

Heads of Departments.

The present roll call of departments with the head of each department and the number of full time instructors is as follows: Art, Miss Elsie Leitch Bowman, two; biological science, Dr. O. P. Dellinger, seven; commerce and business administration, Dr. W. S. Lyerla, seven; education, Dr. C. W. Street, nineteen; English, Dr. Mellicent McNeil, eight; foreign languages, Dr. S. J. Pease, three.

Geography, Miss Eulalia E. Roseberry, three; history and social science, Dean G. W. Trout, eight; home economics, Miss Josephine A. Marshall, seven; industrial and vocational education, Dr. W. T. Bawden, thirteen; library, Miss Odella Nation, five; mathematics, Prof. J. A. G. Shirk, six; music, Walter McCray, nine; physical education for men, Dr. G. W. Weede, four; physical education for women, Miss Irma Gene Nevins, four; physical science, Dr. L. C. Heckert, seven; psychology and philosophy, Dr. O. B. Pyle, three; speech, Prof. J. R. Pelsma, two.

Faculty Members Have Spent 2,100 Years in School

How would you like to spend 2,100 years in school? That is the aggregate number of years which members of the faculty of the College have spent in preparation and training for their work. This number is significant in comparison with the 312 years of study represented by the 41 faculty members of 1913.

Twenty-five years ago Dr. William A. Brandenburg became president of the State Manual Training Normal School, the original name of the College. The teaching staff consisted of 41 members. In 1913 Dr. O. P. Dellinger, who is still a member of the faculty and head of the department of biological sciences and chairman of the graduate council, possessed the only Ph. D. degree. Today, 32 have Ph. D. degrees or their equivalent.

In comparison with five who held a master's degree at that time, there are now 73 with this degree or its equivalent.

The list of colleges and universities which have granted these degrees reveals the wide range of scholastic interests of the faculty. More than 60 outstanding institutions located in 21 states are represented here. Moreover, several faculty members have studied in universities of other countries such as England, France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, and Italy.

In addition, many have published articles, pamphlets, and books, some of which are used as textbooks. Finally, four percent of the faculty each year take advantage of one of the most valuable opportunities for improvement, the sabbatical leave of absence granted after six years of service to the institution. During this period one may devote his time to study, travel, or rest on half salary. Thus the academic standing of the faculty is maintained and improved.

President Brandenburg stated recently that the faculty of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg has a rating comparable to that of the highest-rating faculties of other institutions. This rating is based upon degrees held and upon outstanding contributions made to education.